Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A message router routing system for routing data repository messages between a plurality of computer systems, wherein said computer systems include data repositories having disparate syntaxes, said message router the routing system comprising:

a message router in communication with the plurality of computer systems, each computer system having a data repository; and

translate content in a received data repository message from a syntax corresponding to a data repository of an originating computer system to a syntax corresponding to a data repository of at least one target computer system when the syntax corresponding to the data repository of the originating computer system is different than the syntax corresponding to the data repository of the data repository of the at least one target computer system.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The routing system of claim 1, further comprising:
 a communications processor configured to format said received data repository
 message according to a suitable communications protocol.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The <u>routing system</u> of claim 1, said conversion engine further comprising:
- a translation library configured to store information relating to said disparate syntaxes of said data repositories.

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- 4. (Currently Amended) The <u>routing system</u> of claim 3, wherein particular ones of said computer systems include distributed database networks.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The <u>routing system</u> of claim 3, wherein said conversion engine further comprises a reference processor configured to translate data structure and attribute name references within said data repository messages.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The <u>routing system</u> of claim 5, wherein said conversion engine further comprises an attribute processor configured to translate attribute values within said data repository messages.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The <u>routing system</u> of claim 6, wherein said conversion engine further comprises an operation processor configured to translate data repository operations within said data repository messages.
- 8. (Original) In a message router, a method of routing data repository messages, said method comprising:

receiving a data repository message from an originating computer system, said data repository message conforming to a first syntax;

determining a target computer system to which said received data repository message is directed;

based on said determined target computer system, identifying a second syntax corresponding to said target computer system, wherein said first syntax and said second syntax are disparate;

converting content in said received data repository message from said first syntax to said second syntax; and

sending said received and converted data repository message to said target computer system.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, said converting step further comprising:
 using a translation library having syntax information corresponding to said first
 and second syntax.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said data repository message includes at least one of a data structure reference, an attribute name reference, an attribute value, and a data repository operation, said converting step further comprising:

translating said data structure and said attribute name references using a reference processor;

translating said attribute value using an attribute processor; and translating said data repository operation using an operation processor.

11. (Original) In a message router, a method of routing data repository messages, said method comprising:

receiving a data repository message from an originating computer system, said data repository message conforming to a first syntax;

determining a plurality of target computer systems to which said received data repository message is directed;

based on said determined plurality of target computer systems, identifying at least one syntax for particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems, wherein said at least one identified syntax and said first syntax are disparate;

converting content in said received data repository message from said first syntax to said at least one syntax of said particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems; and

sending said received and converted data repository message to said particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems.

- 12. (Original) The method of claim 11, said converting step further comprising:
 using a translation library having syntax information corresponding to said first
 syntax and said identified at least one syntax.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said data repository message includes at least one of a data structure reference, an attribute name reference, an attribute value, and a data repository operation, said converting step further comprising:

translating said data structure and said attribute name references using a reference processor;

translating said attribute value using an attribute processor; and translating said data repository operation using an operation processor.

14. (Original) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

in a message router, receiving a data repository message from an originating computer system, said data repository message conforming to a first syntax;

determining a target computer system to which said received data repository message is directed;

based on said determined target computer system, identifying a second syntax corresponding to said target computer system, wherein said first syntax and said second syntax are disparate;

converting content in said received data repository message from said first syntax to said second syntax; and

sending said received and converted data repository message to said target computer system.

15. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 14, said converting step further comprising:

using a translation library having syntax information corresponding to said first and second syntax.

16. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 15, wherein said data repository message includes at least one of a data structure reference, an attribute name reference, an attribute value, and a data repository operation, said converting step further comprising:

translating said data structure and said attribute name references using a reference processor;

translating said attribute value using an attribute processor; and translating said data repository operation using an operation processor.

17. (Original) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

in a message router, receiving a data repository message from an originating computer system, said data repository message conforming to a first syntax;

determining a plurality of target computer systems to which said received data repository message is directed;

based on said determined plurality of target computer systems, identifying at least one syntax for particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems, wherein said at least one identified syntax and said first syntax are disparate;

converting content in said received data repository message from said first syntax to said at least one syntax of said particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems; and

sending said received and converted data repository message to said particular ones of said plurality of target computer systems.

18. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 17, said converting step further comprising:

using a translation library having syntax information corresponding to said first syntax and said identified at least one syntax.

19. (Original) The machine-readable storage of claim 18, wherein said data repository message includes at least one of a data structure reference, an attribute name reference, an attribute value, and a data repository operation, said converting step further comprising:

translating said data structure and said attribute name references using a reference processor;

translating said attribute value using an attribute processor; and translating said data repository operation using an operation processor.

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